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Dear Mr. Greene and Mr. Palmer:

Reference is made to the State of Arkansas's request for a bump-down in the air quality designation for Crittenden County.

The Department has committed Federal-aid Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for air quality planning activities in Crittenden County in the past and will continue this funding in the future. In addition, we support the development and implementation of cost effective measures to improve air quality in the State and will consider the use of unobligated CMAQ funds for eligible activities in order to protect the health of our citizens.

If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely

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